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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON RELATIVES OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES

1. FEATURE ARTICLE IN OCTOBER 15 ISSUE OF INDEPENDENT TABLOID A CAPITAL REPORT INTERVIEW WITH IDALINA DA COSTA GOMES TELES GRILO, ONE OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' TWO SISTERS. SHE IS A RESIDENT OF NORTHERN CITY OF CHAVES WHERE THE PRESIDENT SPENT HIS BOYHOOD UNTIL GOING OFF TO MILITARY SCHOOL AT AGE OF TEN.

2. SISTER DESCRIBES POLITICAL PLURALISM WITHIN COSTA GOMES FAMILY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: I WAS NEVER ONE TO MIX IN POLITICS BUT NOW I GUESS MY TURN HAS COME. I'M GOING TO CHOOSE AND IT WILL BE ONE OF THE PARTIES ON THE LEFT. I THINK IT'S ALSO TIME FOR WOMEN TO SPEAK UP. EACH PERSON SHOULD FREELY CHOOSE THAT WHICH IS BEST FOR THE COUNTRY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE WAY IT IS AND THEREFORE I PERMIT ONE OF MY DAUGHTERS, WHO IS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND A GRADUATE IN CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS, TO BE A SYMPATHIZER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, A FACT SHE DOES NOT HIDE. ANOTHER DAUGHTER, YOUNGER, SYMPATHIZES WITH ONE OF THE GROUPS OF THE EXTREME LEFT. ALSO, MY SON-IN-LAW, MANUEL FREIRE, IS A COMMUNIST AND THE LEADER OF THE PARTY HERE IN CHAVES. MY BROTHER (THE PRESIDENT) IS AN INTELLIGENT PERSON AND BECAUSE OF THIS HE UNDERSTANDS THAT EACH PERSON SHOULD CHOOSE ACCORDING TO HIS OWN JUDGMENT. END QUOTE.

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3. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS BELIEVED TO BE AN ATTEMPT BY A CAPITAL  
TO BORROW SOME OF AURA AND RESPECT SURROUNDING PRESIDENT COSTA  
GOMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LEFTIST PARTIES. THE WRITERS DO  
NOT ALLEGE THAT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF SHARES THE VIEWS OF HIS  
NIECES BUT ONLY THAT HE RECOGNIZES THEIR RIGHT TO HOLD THESE  
VIEWS.  
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